

MAIDWELL with DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

LODER HALL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 March 2016

Present: Cllrs. Sanders-Hewett, Calnan, Cornwell, Newman, Paybody, Smeaton, and Wright, Cllr. Ian Barratt, Cllr. Kevin Parker

- 279. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Cecile Irving-Swift
- 280. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests – None**
- 281. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2016**
The minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2016 were accepted as correct.
Prop: Cllr. Smeaton Sec: Cllr. Wright. Unanimous
- 282. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2016**
(248) Transparency Code Funding – The bid application was successful and £730 had been received by the PC. See also 293.
(252) Joint Spring Tidy-up – to be discussed regarding date and Risk Assessment at 291.
(264) TWM Speed Indicator/Sites/Data Recorder – A temporary VAS had been installed. Cllr Sanders-Hewett to contact Steve Barber for new battery and installation date for new post.
(271) Car parking at Village School – letters had been sent to the Headteacher, Highways and Police since the last meeting. A short discussion took place regarding parking on possible hard-standing. A resident had reported an improvement to the situation as parents were no longer parking across residents' driveways. Cllrs Sanders-Hewett to contact Headteacher at Maidwell School regarding parking by the church.
(275) Highways ii – Some trees had been cut down. It was noted that the rains today had lifted the drain again.
- 283. Open Forum - Three people in attendance. Items raised included:**
- i) Village Design Statement/Parish Plan – Pete Redman reported on the working group's findings which were that the VDS could not be relied upon to prevent redevelopment and that Neighbourhood Plans carried more weight although would be time-consuming and costly but should not be ruled out.
He recommended working together to define boundaries of the "village confine" for Maidwell and Draughton and offered to assist with the PC's response to Daventry DC regarding rural settlements which was due by Friday, 11th March.
It was desirable that everyone in the village had the opportunity to contribute.
 - ii) Fundraising for the benefit and improvement of Maidwell.
- 284. Grass Cutting – The 2% increase by Blades was accepted. The PC to sort out cutting of the lower branches mentioned by the Contractor – Cllr Cornwell to arrange.**
Proposed: Cllr Wright Secoded: Cllr Calnan Unanimous
- 285. Village Design Statement – The Parish Council agreed to adopt the recommendations of the working group and expressed their thanks for the hard work that had been done.**
Proposed: Cllr Calnan Secoded: Cllr Wright Unanimous
- 286. Asset Register – The Parish Council re-adopted the register, which was signed by the Chair, with the addition of the land behind Loder Hall that was included with an arbitrary value.**
Proposed: Cllr. Smeaton Secoded: Cllr Wright Unanimous
- 287. Defibrillator Unit for Maidwell – The unit to be installed at the side of the village pub. Training to take place 14th and 19th March. The PC agreed to pay for the installation costs which would be in the region of £50.**
Proposed: Cllr Paybody Secoded: Cllr Smeaton Unanimous
- 288. Training for Clerk (New Clerk course) – The PC agreed to pay 10 extra hours (5 x 2) to the Clerk for her attendance at the training on 16 and 23 April, along with mileage. Funding had**

previously been included in the Precept for 2016/17 for this purpose and agreed at the January meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr Smeaton Unanimous

289. **The Good Councillor's Guide 2016** – It was agreed that the Clerk should order 5 copies for £15.
Proposed: Cllr Calnan Seconded: Cllr Cornwell Unanimous
290. **Dates for Parish Meetings 2016/17** – The proposed dates were accepted and, with the exception of the September meeting, would continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of alternate months. The Annual Parish Meetings would be held in Maidwell and Draughton on 11th May at 7.00 p.m. The date for the September meeting to be 7th.
291. **Risk Assessment for Joint Litter-pick** – Copies of the Risk Assessment had been circulated to all Councillors. Date for the tidy-up to be Saturday, 9th April at 10.30 a.m.
Approval to adopt – Proposed: Cllr. Wright Seconded: Cllr. Smeaton. Unanimous.
Cllr Newman provided details of his Public Liability insurance to be kept on file.
292. **Anaerobic Digester** – Cllr. Sanders-Hewett had been made aware that Daventry DC had stated they had only had received six responses, when it was known that over 300 had been sent; it was assumed that this was because objectors had been asked to reply to Northants CC instead. A copy of the letter from the PC had therefore been sent to Daventry DC who would be discussing the item on 16th March. It was noted that both Daventry DC and Northants CC were recommending the application for approval.
293. **Website** – An agreement had been put together by the provider and the PC – the project would begin as soon as a signed copy was received by the PC. The cost to upgrade would be £500 with extra costs for the domain name and hosting. The current domain name was www.maidwell.info however, the PC agreed that there was a need to mention Draughton too in order to truly reflect the PC e.g. [www.maidwellanddraughton](http://www.maidwellanddraughton.co.uk). with a suitable ending .co.uk or org. etc. Cllr Sanders-Hewett to make enquiries.
Proposed: Cllr Smeaton Seconded: Cllr Wright. Unanimous.
294. **Letter from resident of Draughton regarding alternative route for lorries through Draughton** – It was agreed that, although this was not a PC matter, there was sympathy for the resident. The Clerk agreed to forward the letter to Ian Boyes, Highways for a response.
295. **Judges wanted for Northamptonshire's Best Village Competition** – For information only.
Anyone interested to contact Competition Co-ordinator, barron.walton@northantsacres.co.uk .
296. **HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal for Schools and Councils** – Two coins had been received – one by the Chair and one by the Clerk. Coins to be displayed at Loder Hall and Draughton Club Room.
297. **Daventry DC Rubbish collections 1-2-3 Consultation for collections from June 2018** – A short discussion took place on the proposal by Daventry DC that the black bin only be collected every three weeks. Item to be put on next agenda.
298. **Reports:**
- I. **Planning** –
 - 15/00090/WASFUL – Anaerobic digester, Wormslade Farm, Clipston – replied – objected on following grounds - increase of traffic, visual impact, ability to observe night sky without light pollution is valuable amenity, smell, sustainability – no benefit to local community
 - DA/2016/0071 - Work to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order DA 255 - Home Farm, Draughton Road, Maidwell, Northamptonshire, NN6 9JF – no objection
 - DA/2015/1117 Amended - Single storey extn to create changing room facilities, roof extension to main house to form additional accommodation, demolition of chimneystack – previously circulated – no objections to application – no objections

- DA/2015/1118 Amended – Listed Building Consent for above – previously circulated – no objections to application

All the above approved. Proposed Cllr. Smeaton, Sec: Cllr Wright. Unanimous.

II. Highways – none

299. Finance:

- I. Precept for 2016/17 to be signed – this item was a typing error – item had been agreed and signed at the meeting in January 2016.
- II. The Clerk produced the accounts and bank reconciliation from 1 April 2015 to 9th March 2016 inclusive. Expenditure £6112.25, Income £9010.29, Balance as at 09.03.16 £4136.36 Accepted – Prop: Cllr. Calnan, Sec: Cllr Cornwell. Unanimous.
- III. Clerk to provide details of rental for Loder Hall and Draughton to Cllr. Calnan (DCR) and Cllr. Sanders-Hewett (LH) so that invoices/payments can be made for 2015/16.

Resolution to approve payments

- I. Chq. No. 100098 – £28.16 E.ON Replacement of Photocell
- II. Chq. No. 100099 - £183.74 E.ON Street Lighting 1.10.15 - 31.12.15

All the above approved. Prop: Cllr. Calnan, Sec: Cllr. Wright. Unanimous.

Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting - none

300. **Correspondence for action** – Election Nomination forms distributed, CAB request for funding - noted
301. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016** at 7.30pm in Draughton Club Room.

The meeting finished at 9.35pm

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Signature

Date

14.03.2016